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SUBJ: BRITISH-GUATEMALAN NEGOTIATIONS ON BELIZE

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1. BRITISH CONSUL CALLED AT EMBASSY APRIL 25 TO PRESENT MR. VICTOR HENDERSON, OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND PANAMA IN BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, WHO IS ON FAMILIARIZATION TRIP. CONSUL MCQUILLAN SAID THAT THEY HAD JUST COME FROM CALLING ON DIRECTOR OF BELIZE AFFAIRS IN GUATEMALAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (RODRIGUEZ) AND HAD "RAMMED IT IN HIS EAR" THAT NOW THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA IS BACK IN GUATEMALA, THE BALL IS IN GUATEMALA'S COURT TO SUGGEST A TIME AND AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN BRITISH AND GUATEMALAN NEGOTIATORS.

2. MCQUILLAN SAID HE REMINDED RODRIGUEZ THAT MOLINA HAD MADE IT QUITE CLEAR AT HIS JANUARY
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MEETING WITH ROWLANDS IN NEW YORK THAT SINE QUA NON FROM GUATEMALAN POINT OF VIEW FOR SETTLEMENT OF BELIZE QUESTION WAS ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE MONKEY RIVER AREA. AS THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO UK, BRITISH SAW NO REASON ON THEIR SIDE TO PROPOSE ANOTHER NEGOTIATING SESSION UNTIL SOME CHANGE IN GUATEMALAN POSITION MIGHT GIVE THE TWO SIDES SOMETHING

TO TALK ABOUT. MCQUILLAN SAID HE MENTIONED THAT ROWLANDS HAD TOLD MOLINA THAT ROWLANDS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS A FRONTIER IN THE MOHO RIVER AREA AND TO FIGHT WITH PRICE TO OBTAIN IT, BUT MOLINA HAD REITERATED THAT THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND HE HAD EVEN CABLED ROWLANDS ON JAN 27 THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER FURTHER WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AND COULD CONFIRM THAT MONKEY RIVER WAS GUATEMALA'S MINIMUM DEMAND. MCQUILLAN SAID RODRIGUEZ HAD BECOME QUITE EXCITED OVER THIS LAST STATEMENT AND INSISTED THAT ROWLANDS HAD NEVER TOLD MOLINA THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS A BORDER ALONG THE MOHO RIVER. BOTH MCQUILLAN AND HENDERSON SAID THAT THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD FROM ROWLANDS THAT HE HAD RAISED THAT ALTERNATIVE. BRITISH SAID THEY HOPED TO HEAR FROM GOG SHORTLY AS TO WHETHER ANOTHER MEETING IS DESIRED BY THE GUATEMALAN SIDE.

3. MCQUILLAN MENTIONED TO EMBOFF THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ROWLANDS WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON IN MID-MAY AND WAS SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY VANCE TO DISCUSS BELIZE QUESTION AMONG OTHERS.
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